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SUBJECT: PIO DISCLOSES CAPTURED EOKA-B DOCUMENTS

SUMMARY: NEW PIO DISCLOSURES REVEAL ALLEGED EOKA-B (1) PLANS FOR INDISCRIMINATE MURDER MAKARIOS SUPPORTERS AND SECURITY OFFICIALS, (2) DISBURSEMENT MONEY TO OPPOSITION MOVEMENT AND PRESS), AND (3) LINK WITH ATHENS "HEADQUARTERS" (BY IMPLICATION AT LEAST, GOGREECE). WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER DISCLOSURES BASED ON FACT, BUT NOTE DUAL PURPOSE OF BLACKENING EOKA-B WHILE MAINTAINING PRESSURE ON GOGREECE. QUANTUM JUMP IN GOCYPRUS AGAINST CAMPAIGN EOKA-B IS IMPLIED THREAT PROSCRIBE ESEA MOVEMENT AND RIGHTIST PRESS. END SUMMARY

1. PIO CHRISTODOULOU JUNE 22 CLAIMED THAT NEW CAPTURED EOKA-B DOCUMENTS SHOW THAT (1) PRIOR GRIVAS' DEATH, ORGANIZATION HAD DRAWN UP PLAN FOR INDISCRIMINATE MURDER SECURITY OFFICIALS AND MAKARIOS SUPPORTERS, IN ADDITION PROPERTY BOMBINGS, AND (2) EOKA-B PAID LARGE SUMS OF MONEY
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TO ESEA, RIGHTIST P.M. DAILY "MESIMVRINI" AND "OTHER

PUBLICATIONS." ("MESIMVRINI" PROMPTLY ANNOUNCED IT INSTITUTING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST PIO AND MEDIA WHICH CARRIED THIS ALLEGATION.) PIO PROMISED COMMENT SOON RE SOURCE OF THIS FINANCING, BUT DECLINED SAY WHETHER GOCYPRUS WOULD TAKE RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS TO COURT. (COURT ACTION LIABLE RESULT IN ORGANIZATION'S BANNING -- NICOSIA 736.) THOUGH PIO NAMED ONLY ONE POLICE OFFICIAL AS EOKA-B TARGET, PRESS HAS ADDED OTHERS: COOPERATIVES COMMISSIONER AZINAS, CYPRUS KYP CHIEF TOMBAZOS, PEK LEADER HADJI-HERACLEOUS, SENIOR PLICE OFFICIAL MOUROUZIDES.

2. BRIEFING PRESS JUNE 24, PIO REPORTEDLY STATED DOCUMENTS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THOSE LEADING EOKA-B HAVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN ATHENS. ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT GREEK GOVT INVOLVED, PIO REPLIED ONLY THAT HE DID NOT WISH MAKE FURTHER STATEMENT ON THIS ISSUE. PIO ALSO ALLEGED THAT AMONG DOCUMENTS CAPTURED WAS PLAN FOR YEROSKIPOS ARMS THEFT. PLAN REPORTEDLY CONTAINED ASSURANCE THAT NEITHER NATIONAL GUARD NOR GOGREECE WOULD REACT AGAINST THEFT, THOUGH BOTH WOULD DISCLAIM KNOWLEDGE. PIO STATED GOVT HAS TAKEN DECISIONS RE NG'S FUTURE AND SAID THESE WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING NEXT FEW DAYS. (MAKARIOS PRESS CONFERENCE ALSO SCHEDULED THIS SAME PERIOD.) COMMENT: PIO'S STATEMENT PARTIALLY CONTRADICTED BY FON MIN CHRISTOPHIDES WHO TOLD CHARGE JUNE 24 THAT GOVT HAS NOT RPT NOT YET TAKEN ANY CONCRETE DECISIONS ON NATIONAL GUARD. END COMMENT

3. PRO-MAKARIOS "APOGEVMATINI" ALSO CLAIMS GOCYPRUS DETERMINED PROCEED WITH MEASURES RE NATIONAL GUARD. SPECIFICALLY, PAPER CLAIMS PERIOD OF SERVICE WILL BE REDUCED TO 12 MONTHS; NUMBER GREEK MAINLAND OFFICERS WILL BE CUT TO 200; AND GREEK CYPRIOT OFFICERS WILL BE PROMPTED TO FILL VACATED POSITIONS. PAPER CLAIMS MAKARIOS PASSED THESE DECISIONS TO NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDER DENISIS MORNING JUNE 24.

4. NG SOURCES CONFIRM REPORTS THAT, IN ADDITION DEPARTED NG CHIEF OF STAFF PAPADAKIS (WHO CONTINUES RECEIVE POST HOC VOLLEYS OF CRITICISM), OTHER HIGH NG/ELDYK OFFICERS WILL SOON LEAVE CYPRUS, BUT THEY CLAIM THESE ARE NORMAL ROTATIONS.

5. COMMENT: PIO BRIEFINGS SERVE TO BLACKEN PUBLIC IMAGE OF EOKA-B MOVEMENT AND REINFORCE OFFICIALLY-INSPIRED PRESS
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CAMPAIGN AGAINST GOGREECE AND NG. WHETHER "DOCUMENTS" BOGUS OR NOT, IMPLIED THREAT TO PROSCRIBE OPPOSITION MOVEMENT AND ITS PRESS IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD BE MAJOR ESCALATION IN GOVT CAMPAIGN AGAINST ENOSIST CAMP. WE CANNOT YET CONFIRM SPECIFIC STEPS GOCYPRUS HAS DECIDED RE NG, BUT DOUBT THEY WILL BE AS BROAD AS THOSE OUTLINED IN PRESS.
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